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Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 11 and 12 and amend claims 10 and 13 as follows. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-9 (Cancelled)

Claim 10 (Currently Amended). An electrical connector comprising a housing having a plurality of terminal accommodating holes for accommodating a plurality of connecting terminals connected to distal ends of electric wires and a plurality of
5 locking arms each of which is engaged with a respective one of said connecting terminals not to remove backwardly, and a front holder which is engaged with a front portion of the housing and includes a plurality of terminal inserting holes through which cooperating connecting terminals are to be inserted and a
10 plurality of arm pushing portions each of which is urged against a respective one of said locking arms to enhance a locking force of the locking arms, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said front holder has formed therein a plurality of arm operating holes

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through each of which a jig for operating the locking arms is to
15 be inserted; said front holder is movable with respect to said
housing in a direction ~~perpendicular to~~ along an axial line
between said terminal inserting holes and said arm operating
holes corresponding to ~~of the housing between~~ a first position
and a second position; in said first position of the front
20 holder, said plurality of locking arms are pushed toward
connecting terminals by said plurality of arm pushing portions
and said plurality of terminal inserting holes are aligned with
said plurality of connecting terminals such that an electrical
connection between the connecting terminals and cooperating
25 electrical terminals is attained by engaging a cooperating
housing; and in said second position of the front holder, said
front holder is temporarily engaged with said housing, said
plurality of terminal inserting holes are shifted out of the
axial lines of the connecting terminals installed within the
30 housing, said plurality of arm operating holes are aligned with
said plurality of locking arms, and said plurality of arm pushing
portions are removed from said plurality of locking arms such
that a locking operation of a locking arm is released by
inserting the jig into an arm operating hole and a connecting
35 terminal can be removed from a terminal accommodating hole.

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Claims 11-12 (Cancelled).

Claim 13 (Currently Amended). The electrical connector according to claim [[11]] 10, wherein said front holder has formed therein a plurality of terminal pushing portions which push said connecting terminals backward to engage said plurality
5 of locking arms with said plurality of connecting terminals in the axial direction without play when said front holder is moved from said second position into said first position.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented). The electrical connector according to claim 13, wherein each of said terminal pushing portions includes an inclined portion by means of which each of said connecting terminals is gradually pushed backward.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented). The electrical connector according to claim 10, wherein in said first position, said front holder is engaged with said housing by means of a locking member.